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# Response to Grand Jury Report Titled “Homeless in San Diego”

On May 17, 2010 the San Diego County Grand Jury filed a report titled “Homeless in San Diego.” The Grand Jury report examines the problem of homelessness in the San Diego region, highlights the social and economic cost of homelessness and discusses potential solutions that may be undertaken to reduce homelessness and problems associated with it.

The Grand Jury report included 24 findings and 12 recommendations. Both the Mayor and the City Council are required to respond to all of the findings and 10 of the recommendations<sup>1</sup>. Due to Legislative Recess, the Council President requested an extension of the August 16 due date for the Council’s response, which was granted by the Presiding Judge of the Superior Court. The Council’s response to the Grand Jury report is now due by November 1, 2010.

The IBA obtained a copy of the Mayor’s draft responses to each of the findings and recommendations to which the Mayor and Council must respond. For each item, the Council may join the Mayor’s response, respond with a modification of the Mayor’s response, or respond independently. In responding to each Grand Jury finding, the City is required to either 1) agree with the finding or 2) disagree wholly or partially with the finding. Responses to Grand Jury recommendations must indicate that the recommendation 1) has been implemented; 2) has not yet been implemented, but will be in the future; 3) requires further analysis; or 4) will not be implemented because it is not warranted or is not reasonable. Explanations for responses are requested when applicable.

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<sup>1</sup> One recommendation (10-25) was directed solely to the SANDAG Board of Directors, while another (10-32) was directed solely to the County Board of Supervisors.

As reflected in the table below, the IBA recommends that the Council join the Mayor's response to 21 findings and six recommendations, respond with a modification of the Mayor's response to two findings and four recommendations, and respond independently of the Mayor to one finding.

Findings:	1-6, 8-12, 14-23	<b><i>Join the Mayor's Response</i></b>
Recommendations:	10-27, 10-28, 10-30 10-33, 10-34, 10-35	
Findings:	7, 13	<b><i>Modify Mayor's Response</i></b>
Recommendations:	10-24, 10-26, 10-29 10-31	
Finding:	24	<b><i>Respond Independently of the Mayor</i></b>

On September 8, 2010, the Rules Committee voted 5-0 to adopt the IBA's proposed responses, with the following amendments:

1. Amend the response to Finding #7 to state that a need exists for permanent intake facilities with supportive services throughout the city and county of San Diego;
2. Amend the response to Findings #9 and #10 to state no response because they are the subject of litigation; and
3. Amend the Council's response to Recommendation 10-31 to reflect other City-funded homeless programs and services.

The full text of the Mayor's draft responses and the proposed Council responses, including the amendments adopted by the Rules Committee, are provided in Attachment

1. It should be noted that the Mayor's responses to Findings #9, #10 and #19 have also been amended to be consistent with the Council responses.

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Attachments: 1. Proposed City Council Responses  
2. Grand Jury Report "Homeless in San Diego"